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## PROHIBITION IS EVIDENTLY "IT"

### LARGEST VOTE IN YEARS AP- PARENT THIS AFTERNOON.

Anti-Saloon League Has Challengers at Every Poll in the City, But Nothing Out of the Ordinary Has Occurred—Both Elements Laboring Tooth and Nail to Win—County Precincts All Say Dry Sentiment is Carrying Strong.

Union county is going to cast the largest vote today that it ever has, if the old established afternoon poll in both in La Grande and out of La Grande, is maintained. From the minute that the polls in this city opened this morning, until press time, the clerks have been actively engaged in attending to their duties. This is especially true in precincts Nos. 2 and 3.

Both Elements Working. Early in the day the principal issue in the election proved itself to be the prohibition question. Challengers from both parties have been stationed at the polling places, but no disturbances had occurred at three o'clock. The elements are "plugging" hard, both working silently but seemingly effectually.

La Grande, No. 2, Going Wet. Even the anti-saloon league concedes precinct No. 2 going wet by a large majority. This precinct is the hotbed of all the county as far as the wet element is concerned, and if the anti-saloon men can hold the lead down in this precinct to something like 175 or 200, the county will go dry. This is the claim on both sides. No. 3 is another place where crowds have hovered about all day, and the prohibitionists are claiming an even break there. The other three precincts of the city are claimed to be even breaks as well. The leads the saloon element is having in La Grande will be offset, it is believed, by the farmer vote, and the small majority expected for the dry issue in Union.

In No. 2 at 3 o'clock, the vote stood 250. In No. 3 225 had voted at the same hour with the votes coming in at the rate of 80 every hour. In South La Grande 100 had voted at that hour. Many a man took a sample ballot home at noon and during luncheon perused the contents of it. So knotty a question is the voting proposition this year that it often requires 15 minutes to cast a vote. In No. 2 this afternoon one man wrestled with the initiative and referendum measures for 25 minutes. The usual number of challenges are being made by judges of election.

From a candidates' standpoint, it is hard to prognosticate. Cake men claim comfortable leads in all precincts. The others are at a stand-off, each candidate being positive of his election.

Chamberlain Gets Some. Summerville, June 1.—(Special.)—The vote here is exceptionally large, the splendid weather and high interest in several issues being responsible. On the "dry" county issue Summerville, like the other outlying districts, are going dry by large majorities if the present indications count for anything. Chamberlain is running a strong race here, but Cake is holding his own, from all outward appearances.

Imbler Dry. Imbler, June 1.—(Special.)—Imbler is going dry. Chamberlain is running considerably well, according to democrats, but republicans are claiming a nice majority for Cake.

Union a Puzzle. Union, June 1.—(Special.)—Interest is running high on both sides of the prohibition issue, and it is hard to draw a line. Friends of the "dry" movement claim this city with its two precincts will go dry by something like 160 majority. Cake has a strong hold here.

Perry Dry in Appearance. Perry, June 1.—(Special.)—"Perry is going dry," say the leading politicians here. Republicans claim a large lead over Chamberlain.

Big Vote at Allice. Allice, June 1.—(Special.)—Chamberlain and Cake are running about even here, say leaders on both sides.

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## PRESIDENT SIGNS BUILDINGS BILL

### LA GRANDE PROVISIO IS INCLUDED IN LIST.

Last Saturday Afternoon President Roosevelt Appended His Official Signature to the Public Buildings Bill for La Grande, and the Structure No Longer in Doubt—Mayor Hall Congratulates Delegation on Honest Efforts.

Nothing can forestall a federal building for La Grande. President Roosevelt signed the public buildings bill last Saturday night.

In a telegram to Mayor M. K. Hall and others of this city, Representative W. R. Ellis proclaims the glad tidings to the city of La Grande. For a time it looked as though the public buildings bill, which provided for many new federal structures in the Pacific northwest, was doomed to death in this session of the 60th congress, but at the last moment it passed both houses and as far as La Grande is concerned, was signed by the president, thereby making the bill as good as cash.

Telegram of Thanks. Brief messages of thanks and commendation to the Oregon delegation in congress have been sent by Mayor Hall today and by President Collier of the Commercial club.

Congressman W. R. Ellis and Senator C. W. Fulton have worked like heroes on this matter for La Grande and for this reason, principally, the bill was passed and signed. Messages have been received and sent at regular intervals between Ellis and Fulton and Mayor Hall. Postmaster Rich- ey and the La Grande Commercial club, while the fate of the bill was in doubt. Now it is passed and La Grande is assured beyond a question of doubt, that a federal building will soon be added to the features of this city.

Thrice armed is he who hath his advertising displayed just right.

## OUTRAGE AGAINST MERE BABY GIRL

### WESTON CRIME FRUIT OF DRUNKEN SALOON SWAMP.

Baby Girl of Three Years Outraged by Drunken Degenerate Who Has Made His Livelihood by Swamping Out Saloons—Weston Citizens Talk of Lynching, But Officials Take Fiend Away—Daughter of County Clerk Frank Saling.

Charged with the crime of attempting to rape the 3-year-old daughter of County Clerk Frank Saling, John Behrensen, a German, who has been swamping at the Corner saloon at Weston, was arrested there yesterday afternoon and brought to Pendleton a few hours later for safekeeping, says the Pendleton Tribune.

Never has a more loathsome, revolting and dastardly crime been recorded in the police records of Umatilla county that that with which the drunken degenerate from Weston faces. A criminal attempt to outrage a mere baby has never been known in Oregon where the incidents were more aggravated than incidental to that committed yesterday.

As soon as the news of the deed reached the people who had assembled in Weston to attend the old people's picnic, a mob quickly formed and marched to the city jail when it was found that the man had been hurried to Pendleton for protection from the rage-crazed citizens.

The deed, which was committed in a vacant house adjacent to the Saling home in Weston, on Water street, was first discovered about 2:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Frank Saling, mother of the baby girl, and City Marshal Dave Lavendar, who happened to be walking along the street at the time the mother began her search for her child, who had been gone for nearly an hour.

According to the reports from Weston, it is evident that the brute was in the very act of attempting to outrage the innocent little girl who had been prattling on the doorstep and playing with the flowers, when he was surprised. He did not make the least resistance, merely mumbling in his fright that he did not mean anything, and that he would get out of town as soon as possible, if the officers would let him go.

Almost prostrated with horror at the affair, and the awful jeopardy and insult to which her little one, less than 3 years old, had been subjected, Mrs. Saling carried the child to the Saling home, in the adjoining lot, and a doctor was summoned.

The little girl who was the victim of the affair, is the youngest daughter of County Clerk and Mrs. Frank Saling. She was considered one of the most beautiful children, both in face and mind, in Pendleton, and has often been referred to as "that beautiful Saling baby." She had been playing about the yards during the early afternoon, and it is supposed that she wandered into the neighboring vacant yards when she was capted by Behrensen, and cunningly appropriated as an object of his hellish designs.

The man whose blood was sought by the people of Weston in expiation of the awful crime, and who is considered the most damnable wretch that ever smirched the blotters at the sheriff's office, is a low-bred, in-bred looking German. His forehead is low, with the head slanting to a peak behind. His eyes are green, mottled with flecks of grey, and are bleary and filled with water, indicating protracted dissipation.

It is understood that Behrensen was in a drunken condition when he committed the outrage. He seemed to be in a stupid state when first taken to jail, and only mutters when he is asked what he did. He says he was drunk.

County Clerk Saling is one of the most prominent of the county officials. His family is considered with the highest respect in Pendleton. Last night, the awful affair was the absorbing theme of conversation in this city. While no violence was threatened, the remarks made by those who

first heard of the crime, indicated with what degree of leniency the public will demand that punishment be meted to the man. The first rumor came as a shock to the city, and many refused to believe the awful details until a verified report confirmed the rumors.

### "Billy" Sunday Weakens.

Sharon, Pa., June 1.—At the conclusion of a strenuous sermon yesterday, "Billy" Sunday, the ex-baseball player, who closed a series of revivals, collapsed from exhaustion today and is so weak he is confined to his bed. During his sermon he pounded the pulpit to pieces with his fists and picked up a large splinter and waved it through the air as though he was lining out a three-bagger.

San Francisco, June 1.—Five warships of the Atlantic fleet are here preparing for their trip around the world. The fleet is to assemble here on July 3. Admiral Sperry has issued orders of officers and men to participate in no more festivities.

### CHINA A PEACE MEDIUM.

### China Made Greatest Progress in 1907 of Any of World's Nations.

San Francisco, Cal., June 1.—"Give China 10 years more of peace and at the end of that period China and the United States make a combination which would insure peace in the world," said N. Poon Che, a Chinese editor, while delivering an address on "Progressive China" at Hamilton Square Baptist church. He declared America is China's only ally.

"America is the only country that has not taken a slice of China, and is the only one that China can depend upon to be a friend. During 1907 China made more progress than any other country in the world. It sent 23,000 students abroad to be educated, established 167 newspapers, commenced many new railroads."

### Floods in Montana.

Butte, Mont., June 1.—The Northern Pacific road was washed out at a half dozen places in the state, and also a large bridge near Missoula, Mont., and four smaller ones went out. The Helena branch line is also out of business, 12 trains being stalled at various stations on the line.

It is estimated that 2000 passengers are being held up in the state. Four inches of rain fell in the last three days and a foot of snow in the hills melting during that time are responsible.

The worst of the flood will come when the sun starts shining. Many irrigation dams threaten to break under the terrific pressure. This is the heaviest rain in 10 years.

### Big Rush at Twin Falls.

June 1.—When the registration books closed at Twin Falls at midnight for today's drawing under the Twin Falls-Salmon River-Irrigation project, 4020 applications had been made for acreage ranging from 40 to 160 acres. Applications were made for 500,000 acres, and there are but 35,000 acres available at this time.

### Snow in Nevada.

Ely, Nev., June 1.—Twelve inches of snow fell here Sunday. This is the heaviest snowstorm of years, but no reports of serious damage have been received. The storm was general between here and Coburn.

## ROSESHOW OPENS IN ALL GLORY

### CRUISER CHARLESTON AND MANY GUNBOATS HERE.

Second Annual Rose Fiesta in Portland Opened This Morning—Rex Oregonus Has Received the Keys of Portland, and Will Hang On Until Friday Night—Officers of Fleet to Be Entertained This Evening by the Coast Ad Men's Association.

Portland, June 1.—The second annual Rose Fiesta in Portland was opened this morning when Rex Oregonus landed from his barge at the foot of Stark street and was escorted to the city hall where Mayor Lane presented him with the keys to the city.

Now the question which is bothering the curious Portlanders is, "Who is Rex?" for his identity is concealed behind a mask that will not be lifted till the grand ball Friday night. The guesses range from J. Wesley Ladd, the millionaire, to A. Muttis Gost.

The cruiser Charleston and gunboat Yorktown, arrived in the harbor yesterday morning. They will be joined by torpedo boats Perry, Petrel, Farragut, Davis and Fox today.

Tonight the Pacific Coast Ad Men entertain the officers of the fleet at an annual banquet.

### KILLED BY PASSENGER TRAIN.

### Father and Daughter Killed Near Stockton While Crossing Trestle.

Stockton, Cal., June 1.—The inquest over the remains of Henry Daus Scott and daughter Lillian, killed on the railroad trestle across the Mokelumne river yesterday by an overland train is being held here this afternoon.

Engineer Shanky testified that he saw Scott and four children near the end of the trestle, but seemed to be getting off all right and he did not stop the train. When he saw the little girl get her foot caught he was about five feet from the end of the bridge, and he applied the break, but was too late. The engineer is on the verge of collapse.

The father was trying to extricate his daughter's foot from between the ties when the train bore down upon them and killed them both.

### Gallagher Sells Property.

San Francisco, June 1.—Former Supervisor Gallagher will dispose of his Oakland property, which was dynamited, tomorrow. It is understood he sold out to his former partner, Architect George McCrea, to protect himself from attacks.

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# THE FAIR'S BIG SALE

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IT OUGHT TO BE THE HAPPINESS AND GLORY of every citizen to so live and act that his fellow citizens will esteem him for his goodness, his kindness, and his usefulness. The principles of good citizenship should constitute the code of rules for every kind of business whether public or private. This applies particularly to the drug business, because, owing to the limited knowledge of the qualities of drugs by the general public, it follows that the reliability of the druggist is the chief guarantee of good service.

## HILL'S DRUG STORE

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